IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO.15409 OF 2002

DATED 24-4-2007

BETWEEN

M/s. Venkataramana Mini Rice Mill,
Represented by its partner Gatta Rajaiah,
Madapur Village, Rukapalli Mandal,
Nalgonda District.

.. Petitioner

And

Transmission Corporation of A.P.Limited
(AP TRANSCO) represented by its Chief Managing Director,
Vidyut Soudha, Khairatabad,
Hyderabad and 2 others.

.. Respondents

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Oral Order:

The petitioner is a rice mill. It is provided with two service connections, one for industrial purpose and the other for lighting and other allied purposes. The L.T.service connection for lighting purpose is bearing No.444.

In the bimonthly bill for the months of November and December, 2001, issued in January 2002, a sum of Rs.587/- was levied for consumption of 42 units of power. However, for the months of March

and April, 2002, a sum of Rs.89,926/- was levied for consumption of 110 units. The petitioner submits that the meter was erratic, as is evident from the readings referred to above. He disputes the correctness of the bill.

On behalf of the respondents, a counter affidavit is filed stating that the reason for charging the arrears was on account of the fact that the meter reading was not properly reported by the concerned employee for the previous months.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondents.

The interest of the petitioner is already protected by an order passed by the Division Bench of this Court, wherein power supply to the petitioner was directed to be continued on payment of Rs.15,000/-. The question as to whether the readings recorded in the meter fitted to service connection bearing No.444 is correct or not cannot be decided by this Court. It is stated that the petitioner had already approached the Superintending Engineer. Therefore, it shall be open to the petitioner to supplement further facts and the Superintending Engineer, in turn, shall verify the matter with reference to the relevant material and pass appropriate orders within a period of two months from the date of receipt of this order. The liability of the petitioner in this regard, shall depend upon the outcome of such exercise. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

L.NARASIMHA REDDY,J

Dated 24.4.2007

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